

**Town Manager's Office
Town of Mansfield**

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Town Employees
Date: March 26, 2012
Re: Town Manager's Report

Below please find a report regarding various items of interest to the Town Council, staff and the community:

Council Requests for Information/Council Business

- *Ceremonial Holiday Celebrations* – Please see [item number 14](#) in your meeting packet for a memo from Town Clerk Mary Stanton.
- *CT Public Transportation Commission Public Hearing in Mansfield* – [Item number 17](#) in your meeting packet refers to a public hearing being held by the Connecticut Public Transportation Commission on April 24, 2012. Please note that this public hearing is being held during the same time as a public hearing previously scheduled by the Connecticut Siting Council on the Interstate Reliability Project.
- *School Building Project – Option A Concerns* – Please see [item number 15](#) in your meeting packet for a memo from Director of Finance Cherie Trahan.

Departmental/Division News

- *Human Services* – At 7PM on April 2, 2012 in the Buchanan Auditorium at the Mansfield Public Library, the Mansfield Advisory Committee on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities is sponsoring a presentation by Walter Glomb from the Connecticut Family Empowerment Network. Parents, guardians and advocates for individuals with developmental disabilities will gather to learn about services offered by the State Department of Developmental Services, and how to develop a supportive network of families and individuals who receive these services. The Family Empowerment Network works to ensure a safe system of support for people with developmental disabilities and other special needs. Their efforts include monitoring legislative actions that will impact services provided by the Department of Developmental Services, and offering seminars and workshops for parents, guardians and advocates to enhance their advocacy skills and their ability to negotiate the network of services and providers.
- *Town Manager's Office* – The Town of Mansfield Fiscal Year 2010-2011 annual report is now available online at www.mansfieldct.gov. Hard copies of the report are available at the Mansfield Town Hall in the Town Clerk's Office, Mansfield Community Center, Mansfield Senior Center, and the Mansfield Public Library.

Major Projects and Initiatives

- *Storrs Center*
 - *Construction Update* – Most recently, utility work near the intersection of Storrs Road (Route 195) and Dog Lane has been conducted. The exterior work on the buildings in Phase 1A of Storrs Center, 1 Dog Lane and 9 Dog Lane, progresses while the construction of the parking garage continues. Work on the sidewalks continues as well. While every effort is being made to manage traffic flow, there may be delays as the construction vehicles navigate the site. Please remember to drive slowly through the construction area and maintain a safe distance between yourself and oversized vehicles. The Partnership continues to maintain a construction website for updates at <http://storrscenterconstruction.blogspot.com>.
 - *Grant Award* – Governor Dannel P. Malloy has announced that the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) has awarded more than \$16 million in loans and grants for several Brownfield projects throughout the state, including \$450,000 for environmental remediation for Storrs Center. This round of awards includes \$8,689,000 in loans and \$7,500,000 in grants for projects encompassing commercial and industrial remediation and expansion;

affordable, disabled, student, and workforce housing; train stations and transit oriented development (TOD); and mixed-use developments with hotel, residential and retail space. The state estimates that the Brownfields funding will leverage over \$300 million in additional private and public investment.

Future Agenda Items

- At your April meetings I would like to discuss the Venter property on Fern Road and provide you with an update regarding the Mansfield Hollow Hydro project. I will work with the Mayor to schedule both of these items.

Special Events

- *Library Book Sale* – The Friends of the Mansfield Library will be holding their Spring Book Sale from 9AM - 4PM on Saturday, March 31 and 9AM - 3PM on April 1, 2012, at the Mansfield Library. The book sale will feature a great selection of books, books on tape, comics, DVD's, CD's and videos in a wide range of fiction and non-fiction titles. Proceeds benefit the library.

Upcoming Meetings*

- Traffic Authority, March 27, 2012, 9:30 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Advisory Committee for the Needs of Persons with Disabilities, March 27, 2012, 2:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- **Special Town Council Meeting (Budget Workshop)**, March 27, 2012, 6:30 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Regulatory Review Committee, March 28, 2012, 1:15 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- **Special Town Council Meeting (Budget Workshop)**, March 29, 2012, 6:30 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- IWA/Planning and Zoning Commission, April 2, 2012, 7:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Four Corners Sewer and Water Advisory Committee, April 3, 2012, 7:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board of Directors, April 5, 2012, 4:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- **Public Information Session on the Manager's Proposed Budget**, April 5, 2012, 7:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Housing Code Board of Appeals, April 9, 2012, 5:00 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- **Special Town Council Meeting (Budget Workshop)**, April 9, 2012, 6:30 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, Monday, April 9, 2012, 7:30 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

**Meeting dates/times are subject to change. Please view the [Town Calendar](#) or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 860-429-3302 for a complete and up-to-date listing of committee meetings.*